

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Noah Anthony, I am a student from East Hartford. I am documented, but I stand in solidarity with those who are undocumented.

**I stand in support of S.B. No. 284: “AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS,” with clear language that extends eligibility to all HUSKY programs to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status.**

I was originally born in Hartford, Connecticut. When we moved back to Connecticut, my family needed assistance from the state government for health care. Ever since we have been on HUSKY insurance, and it has made a huge difference in our lives. We have been able to get access to quality healthcare and stay healthy. Without it, we would not have been able to afford some of our health bills in the past years. I am very thankful for this insurance and the impact it has made on my life. I cannot imagine what it would be like for children who are sick or injured, and do not have healthcare.

I recently dislocated my kneecap while at school. I had to take an ambulance to the hospital and get treated. If it were not for my insurance, I do not think I would have been able to get treated in my time of need. I cannot imagine if someone else were in my position, and would not have been able to go to the hospital because they did not have insurance. It would have been absolutely unbearable and would have caused irreparable damage to the knee.

Everyone deserves the right to basic healthcare to protect them. No one should have to worry about their family being in financial trouble when they are sick. This bill would help many people, who are in need of access to healthcare, stay healthy and safe.

I support S.B. No 284, with clear language to extend current HUSKY eligibility rules to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status, and I ask the committee to support this legislation.

Thank you for your time,  
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